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St. Croix County Reduction in Panfish Bag Limit

The Problem: Panfish size structure across the county's lakes and streams has decreased in recent years.

Whereas: Because of intensive harvest in St. Croix County, panfish are being caught and kept as soon as they reach the minimum size fishers consider a "keepable" fish and;

Whereas: Many fishers will take the maximum number of fish allowed them under the law on numerous fishing outings throughout the season and;

Whereas: Research has indicated that reduced panfish bag limits from 25 to 10 has clearly shown a trend in increasing the size structure of panfish when such a reduction was implemented and;

Whereas: A bag limit of 10 panfish in St Croix County would make a county-wide uniform panfish regulation;

Therefore be it resolved: That the Department of Natural Resources considers a reduction in the bag limit of panfish from 25 to 10 on a countywide basis in St. Croix County. Two St Croix County lakes cross county lines. Lake George bordering to the south on the Pierce County line will be excluded in this request while Cedar Lake to the north on the Polk County line will be included. Such a bag limit reduction is supported by members of the St. Croix County Alliance of Sportsmen, the Willow River Rod & Gun Club and the Star Prairie Fish & Game Association.

Submitted by the St. Croix County Alliance of Sportsmen at the St Croix County Spring Hearings held in New Richmond on April 10th, 2006.

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